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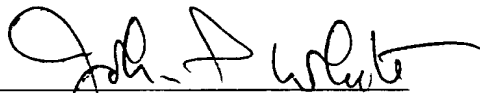
REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, applicant has canceled claims 11-13, 15, 21-23, 25-34, and 38-42 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-12, 14, 16-20, 24, and 35 to 37 will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, excluding the enclosed fee of \$385.00 for filing this application, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully Submitted,



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